

HOUSE No. 1546

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition of Peter J. Koutoujian and others for legislation to include pets in abuse prevention orders. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Peter J. Koutoujian	James E. Vallee
Alice Hanlon Peisch	John W. Scibak
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	Christine E. Canavan
Mary S. Rogeness	Jennifer M. Callahan
Geraldo Alicea	Robert J. Nyman
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	Patrick M. Natale

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO INCLUDE PETS IN ABUSE PREVENTION ORDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 3 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
- 3 fifth paragraph the following paragraph:—
- 4 (e) ordering the possession, care and control of any animal
- 5 owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held as a pet by either party or a
- 6 minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff;